



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD



Draft Remedial Action Plan Miraflores Housing Development South 47th Street and Florida Avenue Richmond, California

May 25, 2006 through June 23, 2006

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) announces a 30-day public comment period on the Draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the Miraflores Housing Development (Site). The Site is located at South 47th Street and Florida Avenue, Richmond, California. The Site has been used in the past for commercial nursery operations. DTSC proposes a remedy to clean up the soil at the Site that is contaminated with lead, pesticides (primarily dieldrin and DDT), and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH). The groundwater beneath the Site is contaminated with TPH and TPH-related compounds (including benzene), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), including perchloroethylene (PCE) and trichloroethylene (TCE). The PCE and TCE in the groundwater are believed to have migrated onto the Site from sources located northeast of the Site. The Site is being cleaned up for future residential use.

The Draft RAP describes the proposed cleanup activities at the Site. Soil containing pesticides, lead, and TPH will be removed to achieve residential cleanup goals. Groundwater containing VOCs, TPH and TPH-related compounds will be monitored to determine groundwater quality beneath the Site. DTSC has prepared an Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Initial Study analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the proposed cleanup. The Proposed Negative Declaration states that the cleanup for the Site will not have significant environmental impacts. The Draft RAP, Initial Study, Negative Declaration and other site-related documents are available at the Information Repositories listed below.

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All written comments must be postmarked no later than June **23**, 2006 and should be sent to the attention of Mr. Homyune Atiqee, DTSC Project Manager, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California 94710. Comments submitted electronically should be sent to Mr. Atiqee at hatiqee@dtsc.ca.gov, no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 23, 2006.

A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at 7:00 pm at the Richmond Convention Center, Bermuda Room, 403 Civic Center Plaza, at Nevin and 25th Streets, Richmond, California, to discuss the proposed cleanup plan. Comments will be received at this meeting. At the close of the public comment period, DTSC will carefully consider all comments received before making a final decision.

For more information about the Site and related documents, please contact Homyune Atiqee, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3838 or e-mail him at hatiqee@dtsc.ca.gov. For questions regarding the public participation process or the public meeting, please contact Nancy Cook, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (510) 540-3923 or e-mail her at ncook@dtsc.ca.gov. For media inquiries, please contact Angela Blanchette at (510) 540-3732 or e-mail her at ablanch@dtsc.ca.gov.